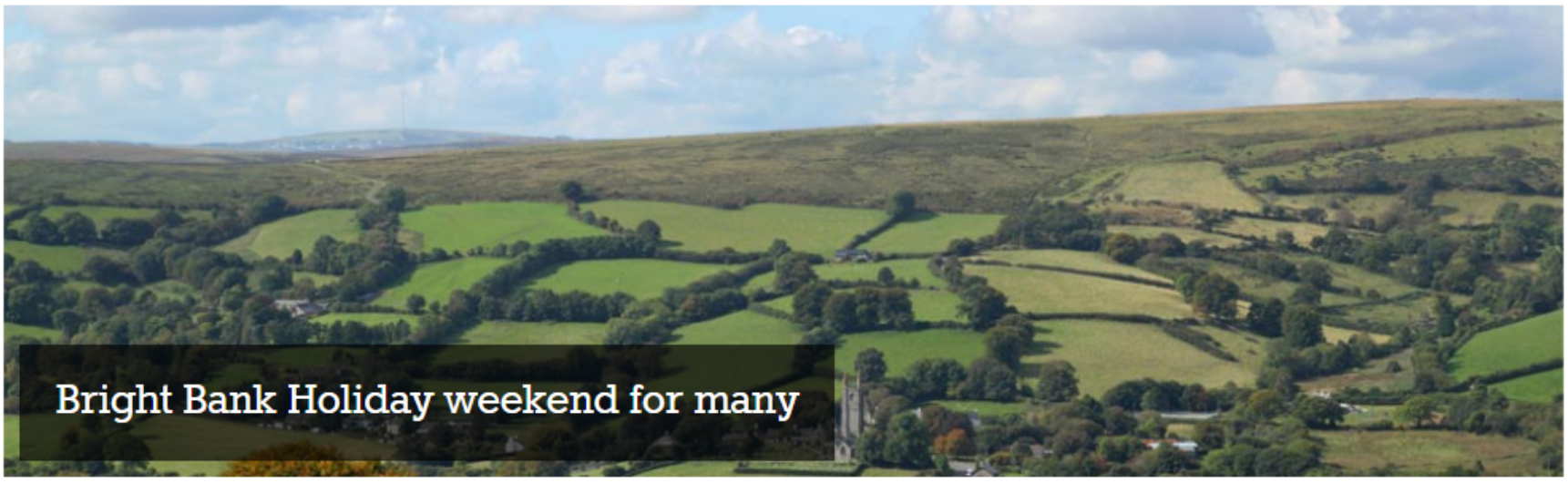


2 May 2014 - Met Office meteorologists are forecasting dry and fine, if at times rather cloudy, weather for many over the Bank Holiday weekend.

Saturday is looking to be the best day for sunshine for most parts of the UK after a chilly night with local frost. Cloudier conditions are expected to spread slowly into western and northern areas, bringing some rain to western Scotland and Northern Ireland.

There will be more in the way of cloud across the UK on Sunday with some rain in places, especially the north. However it will still be a reasonable day for many, with southern and southeastern parts seeing the best of any brightness and temperatures in the high teens.

These rather cloudy, but bright conditions are expected to continue in southeastern areas while further west and north thicker clouds bring the chance of some rain at times. The best of any sunshine is likely across southern England and northeast Scotland where temperatures should again be in the high teens.

Andy Page, Chief Meteorologist at the Met Office said: "It looks as though much of the UK will enjoy some pleasant spring weather this weekend, although we are not expecting wall to wall sunshine anywhere.

"The best of any warm sunshine is likely across southeastern parts of England. Northern parts of UK look set to have some rather changeable conditions, but even here, there will be some brighter and drier spells, especially in the east. "

James Berresford, VisitEngland 's Chief Executive said: "The fine weather forecast for this weekend will hopefully entice those with a spirit of adventure to get out exploring on a day trip or short break in England this May Bank Holiday. There is plenty going on, from the May Bank holiday Street Arts Festival in Poole to family fun events at Eureka! The National Children's Museum in Yorkshire, as well as events and openings at attractions throughout the whole of England to enjoy, whatever the weather. For more inspiration go to www.visitengland.com "

Malcolm Roughead, VisitScotland 's Chief Executive, said: "There's no time quite like a Bank Holiday weekend to get out and about and explore some of the great things that are on your doorstep, and it's a real bonus if there's fine weather into the bargain. The Homecoming Scotland 2014 calendar now features more than 800 events taking place the length and breadth of the country, so I would urge people of all ages to see what's happening in their region and make the most of this Bank Holiday weekend!"

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